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Duty crew, law suit settlement discussed

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

During a brief public hearing on the 2015 amended budgets and 2016 proposed budgets at the Nov. 17 meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, two members of the audience wanted to talk about fire department duty crews.

No one addressed the VBT General Fund Budget revenues estimated at \$11,179,154 in 2016 or the proposed expenditures for 2016 of \$14,368,353.

The fire department duty crew was the issue.

The board had no immediate comment on the substance of an email from the board's contract attorney stating the board was going to drop duty crews from the fire department. But at the end of the meeting Clerk Leon Wright explained the financial problems in covering the Public Safety Department budget.

A duty crew is a two-person team at each fire hall that is on duty for 12 hours and then the next crew is on duty for 12 hours – giving 24-hour, seven-day coverage. This gives immediate response to calls, rather than waiting for fire fighters to come from their homes to respond.

The board was cutting out duty crews because voters turned down the 6.5-mill tax proposed in the Nov. 3 election, said the Nov. 13 email from VBT's insurance/contract attorney Ethan Vinson, who was seeking a date for a discussion on the matter with fire department union officials.

The letter was sent to four individuals, but by the weekend it had been emailed throughout the township.

The letter started out: "As you may be aware, the Public Safety Mileage (sic) Proposal was voted down in the recent election. As a result thereof, the township

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Independent photo by James Otzman

Barber Bob's tree in front of his shop on Main Street was trimmed last week end and made into a Charlie Brown Christmas Tree with a big, red ball that Bob formed out of a exercise ball and assorted pieces he put together, including an 85-pound dog chain. Bob, who annually decorates his business for the Christmas season with a Peanuts motif, also put Linus' blanket around the base of the trunk. Bob usually has a small version of this kind of tree in his barber shop waiting room for the holidays. He said the tree was planted there by the city during a streetscape planting and has messed up his pipes underground and damaged his roof with its branches and leaves. He planned to have it cut down and decided to leave part of it for an "artwork" since the city pays so much to have art along the street. He said he checked first with the city and was told it was his tree, on his property, and he could do whatever he wanted to, just like it was in his living room.

DIA's outdoor art coming to Belleville; sculptures coming, too

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Belleville will be brimming with artworks next summer as the Detroit Institute of Arts Inside/Out paintings will be coming, as well as a half-dozen outdoor sculptures in the city, plus four more over the bridge in Van Buren Township.

At the regular meeting of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority on Nov. 18, chairwoman Rosemary Loria announced that the DDA has received a letter from the Detroit Institute of Arts announcing that Belleville will be included as a site for its 2016 Inside/Out exhibits.

The DDA hosted Inside/Out exhibits in September-November 2012 and then turned to outdoor sculptures for the last two years. This year they will have them both.

The seven framed artworks are clustered within walking or bike-riding distance of one another to form a "grand, open-air gallery," according to the DIA website.

The artworks are loaned to the communities and erected without charge.

Although the DDA had considered dropping the Midwest Sculpture Initiative agreement for 2016 because now MSI requirement has gone up from the minimum six sculptures to eight sculptures, a partnership with the Van Buren Township DDA solved the problem.

Carol Thompson, Belleville DDA coordinator, said the VBT DDA had agreed to put two sculptures north of the bridge and now it is looking at four sculptures.

Thompson said since the total of sculptures would now be 10, MSI said this bumps Belleville up to a "mid-size" display designation.

Belleville's cost is estimated between \$12,000 and \$13,000 to lease the six sculptures for a year and local donors help with the cost. The new sculptures will be put in place after the present sculptures are

removed in June.

In other business at the 27-minute meeting, the DDA:

- Received copies of the proposed DDA Development Plan and TIF Plan for 2016-46, outlining the amount of funds expected and the use of the funds for the next 30 years, as required by state law. Loria said they will wait to hear from their attorney on the draft and then, when it is cleaned up, possibly vote on it at the next DDA meeting Dec. 16. Then the document will go to the city council for a public hearing, which probably will be after the first of the year, and final action;

- Was informed the growth rate for the DDA in 2016 will be 4%, because the Davenport Center was added to the tax rolls. The growth rate for 2017 is figured at 0% and 2018 and 2019 at 1%. Total capture for 2016 is estimated at \$733,278, most of it (\$442,149) from the City of Belleville taxes;

- Heard reports from Belleville Area Council for the Arts president Doug Dalton

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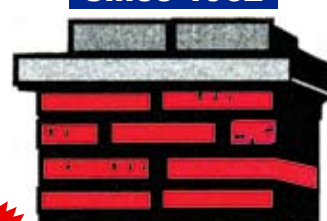
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Keystone Academy swears in new board member Connie Shull

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Connie Shull of Ypsilanti was sworn in as a new board member at Keystone Charter Academy at its board of directors meeting on Nov. 12.

Her term is three years and will expire in June 2018. Doing the swearing-in was the board's attorney LaRae Munk.

Shull, who grew up in Belleville, taught for 18 years at Calvary Christian Academy in Ypsilanti and now teaches a four-year-old preschool class at Bethany in Belleville. Her husband works at L&W in Van Buren Township and they have two daughters in college.

She replaces board member Amy Gusfa who recently moved to Cincinnati for her husband's work and also got a job there herself.

In other business at the Nov. 12 meeting, the board:

- Approved the Plante Moran audit of \$6,048,737 in funds for the last school year. The Keystone board has control of just \$53,696 of that total, with National Heritage Academies running the school. There was an "unmodified opinion," which is the highest level. Treasurer Carol Manley said it is "what we would call a clean audit";

- Heard Board President Vesta Losen

report on information from state Sen. Pat Colbeck who said the State Board of Education is rethinking the Common Core standards for Social Studies and has put off passing legislation on them for another year until there can be more hearings. Sen. Colbeck and others presented a list of recommendations, some of which the board found valid. The Social Studies Standards are available on Sen. Colbeck's website, along with his proposed changes. The state board accepted the Science Standards on Nov. 10;

- Approved the Freedom of Information Act policy. Munk said the information the school is required to give is already available on the transparency icon on the website. She said the teachers' names and salaries are available through FOIA. "I don't think that's anybody's business," Munk said, but it is available through FOIA;

- Ratified the Criminal History Record Information registration form and ratified the agreement to process criminal background checks. New state regulations require charter schools to have another agency process background checks instead of doing it themselves, as in the past. Keystone now has a longterm agreement for the service with Presque Isle Academy in Onaway that can be cancelled at any



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

New Keystone Academy school board member Connie Shull, right, is sworn in by board attorney LaRae Munk.

time. There is no set-up fee and there is a charge of \$20 per search. Keystone is now all set with the Michigan State Police on this. Public schools still can process their own criminal background checks ;

- Approved the Discipline Reporting Policy regarding the frequency of reporting. Statute requires the board to have information on disciplines;

- Heard a report from Principal Keturah Godfrey on Keystone activities and projects. The Veterans' Day assembly had more than 1,000 present and 75 Care packages were sold at \$15 each to send out to those in the military for the holidays. Among many other activities, eighth graders went to

Wayne State University and Wayne County Community College and representatives from the University of Michigan came to the school. There also was a High School Fair, where school representatives came in; and

- Studied a list of the number of students at Keystone whose household home districts were listed. The most came from the Van Buren Public Schools, 533; then Lincoln Consolidated, 172; Romulus Community Schools, 31; School District of Ypsilanti, 28; Airport Community Schools, 26; Huron School District, 16; Wayne-Westland, 15; and eight other districts, with from 1 to 4 students each.

Rawsonville honored for #1 spot in state in 'Read for the World Record'

Scholastic Book Fair Field Representative Rebekah Franz presented Rawsonville Elementary School with a certificate, plaque, and banner to mark the school's No. 1 spot in Michigan for the summer reading campaign, "Read for the World Record."

The awards were presented at a special assembly on Friday, Nov. 13.

This is the fourth year Rawsonville has earned the No. 1 spot in Michigan.

Mary Ellen Vago, media teacher, said 28 countries joined in the competition and 6,229 schools competed.

Total minutes read around the world were 286,611,349 and total minutes read by Rawsonville students were 723,951. That put Rawsonville at #1 in Michigan and #53 in the world.

Rawsonville's name will be printed in Scholastic's 2015 Book of World Records.



On Nov. 13, there was a special assembly at Rawsonville Elementary School to mark the students' accomplishment in reading. Standing from left are Scholastic Book Fair Field Representative Rebekah Franz, D'Marion Williams, Lizbeth Jimenez-Lopez, Cheyenne Bully, LaTicia Johnson, Marissa Gonzalez, Rawsonville Media teacher Mary Ellen Vago and Brandon Steeg. Seated at left is Jack Butler and at right, Alec Muir.

GELC contract at city: 2% increase

Belleville City Manager Diana Kollmeyer explained the changes to the 3.5-year Government Employees Labor Council (GELC) contract approved by the union and the city council. The union represents 7 1/4 workers: three in the DPW department, four clerical, and a part-time, 10-hour-per-week clerical worker in the police department.

The changes are:

- 2% wage increase;
- \$150 signing bonus for the full-time

workers and \$37.50 for the one-quarter time, part-time employee;

- Adopting the State hardcap amounts for health care, effective July 1, 2016;

- Employees only permitted to cash in five days of vacation each year. It was up to half accumulated in one year;

- Vacation pay not attributable as part of retiring employees final average compensation; and

- Different pension for new hires.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

VBT announces coming patrol officer layoffs

Last week in this editorial space we announced that Van Buren Township is shutting down its fire department duty crews that have provided 24/7 response from the fire halls.

On Monday, we were informed that VBT now has given seven-day layoff notices to its police patrol and dispatch employees.

Patrol Officer Adam Byrd, the union president, sent out a memo to police patrol and dispatch employees saying on Nov. 23 he received official notification from "our employers" that they have a contractual obligation to give a seven-day layoff notice as outlined in the union contract.

The "employer" doesn't know how many employees will be affected or when layoffs will occur.

Officer Byrd asked union members to keep this information confidential, but by the end of the day it was being shared throughout the township.

Even the newest police officer, pictured in our paper last week as he was sworn in on Nov. 13, is on the possible layoff list.

VBT has another full year of collecting its public safety millage of four mills and won't need to renew that until the end of 2017 when the money runs out. The Visteon bonds won't be due until after that. What's the rush? VBT leadership needs to explain to its residents why it is slashing services right now. This has never been discussed at a public meeting.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

I got an email last Thursday from Cindy Belanger, confidential secretary to Van Buren Township Supervisor Linda Combs:

"Just wanted to give you a heads up on an item you had in your 'Extra Things I Know.' It was in reference to the condition of McBride Ave. by McBride Middle School. The mother that came to see you and showed you pictures of the pot holes on McBride Ave. came into the Supervisor's office on Oct. 29, 2015 and showed me the very same pictures.

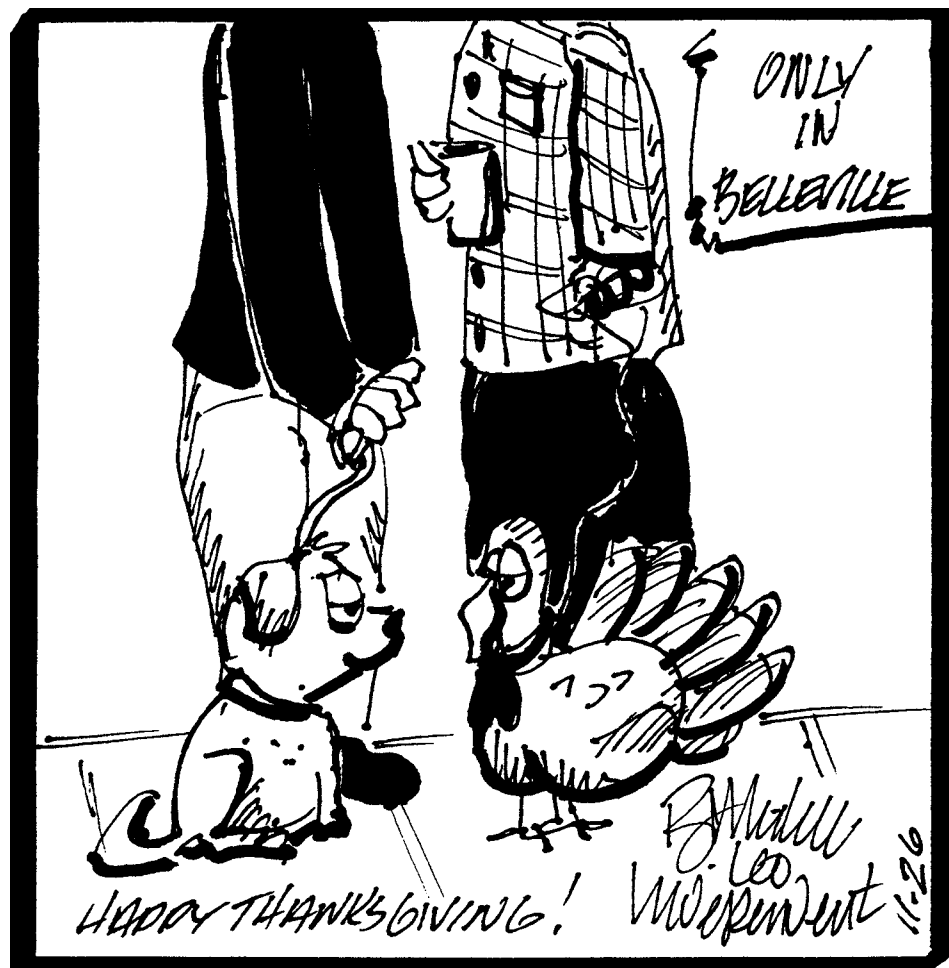
"I agreed that the road is in very bad condition. I told her that I would go online and fill out a report to Wayne County Roads and also explained we have no control over them.

"When I drove down Quirk Road, after leaving work Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 17, I saw a Wayne County Road truck grading the road. I don't want the residents to feel that we don't care about road issues. I take pride in doing whatever I can to help them."

I'm sure all our readers join me in wishing get-well wishes to Keith Bruder, who fell out of a Bradford pear tree in the Ypsilanti area on Nov. 10 and broke his shoulder.

Mark Koehler, formerly of VBT, has moved to Washtenaw County and asked Keith to come over and tend to his pear tree as Keith had done with his pear tree in VBT. Apparently, these trees need to be cabled up to keep the branches in tact from strong winds and so Keith did put cables on Mark's tree. The strong, damaging winds did come to this area on Nov. 12 and his tree was safe.

Anyway, Mark didn't know Keith had fallen from his tree until a week later when



they both were on a Elks Club outing to a Detroit site and Mark saw Keith was all wrapped up and couldn't get his arm in his jacket.

Get well quick, Keith.

Jim Haney, who used to live in this area and now reads his *Independent* subscription in Garden City, was due to have hip surgery on Nov. 24. Best wishes for a speedy recovery for Jim, too.

I received a tip about a kayak race that may be in the works for next summer. The race includes running through Hillside Cemetery with the kayaks carried over the competitors heads and then getting back into the water to race some more.

No problem with the race in the lake. The race through the cemetery sounds a little strange. We'll see if it comes before the Belleville City Council for approval. Maybe it's just a rumor.

We are getting a lot of comments on our website on stories about Van Buren Township topics, especially the \$650,000 lawsuit settlement and the fire department's planned duty crew elimination.

If you'd like to see what people are saying about different stories, go to www.bellevilleareaindependent.com and click on the bubble to the right of the story's headline. That bubble contains the number of comments, so you can see which are the

most written about.

Join in with a comment, if you feel so inclined. Many are anonymous and some are signed with the writers' names.

At the last meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, Clerk Leon Wright thanked Bob and Marie Krouse for putting American flags on the graves of veterans in township cemeteries in time for Veterans' Day – as they always do.

At the November Bugles Across America event at the Veterans' Memorial in Belleville, Marie showed me pictures on her phone she had taken while she and her husband were out placing flags on the graves. She showed me all the damage to grave stones and broken and moved flags. One flag was moved to a child's grave, which really made her sad.

She said she was saying my name as she worked on the graves, calling out, "Where are you, Rosemary, when I need you?" She wanted to show me the bad shape some of the graves were in.

I'm sure Clerk Wright will look into the condition of the graves and get them tended to.

Best wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving.



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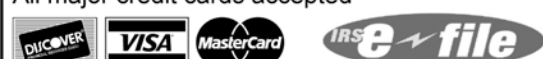
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Letters

Chippewa Tree Service gave excellent service

To the Editor:

I'd like to take a moment to pass along to you and your readers a bit of information in the form of an endorsement and recommendation of a local business.

We utilized a tree company recently for some extensive tree trimming and cutting down of a couple of dead trees on our Sumpter Township property. The name of the company that provided excellent service for that is Chippewa Tree Service.

I must say that they not only did a marvelous and timely job for us and our daughter, who lives next door to us, but their quote for the work done was very reasonable. We asked three different tree-cutting companies in the area for quotes for this job and Chippewa Tree Service was by far the most fair and reasonable in their quote.

They did a very good job and we really appreciated their efforts. We would highly recommend them to anyone who needs tree work done.

Thank you for allowing me to express my gratitude to them for a job well done and for passing along this information to the community.

Sincerely,
 Carl and Mary Herring
 Sumpter Township

Editor's Note: Chippewa Tree Service is located on Willis Road in Sumpter Township.

Too much traffic on McBride for it to be dirt

To the Editor:

I saw an ad in the *Independent* about people complaining about McBride Road by McBride Middle school. I live on McBride and I'm just tired of these roads and am wondering if anyone knows what I can do to get attention to the issue.

There is way too much traffic on this road to be dirt. They just graded McBride yesterday [Nov. 18] and it already has holes everywhere, as does Beck Road.

If I need to start a petition I will. I want to get others interested in this issue.

Daniel Clay
 Van Buren Township

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 under God, then we will be a nation
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Do not eliminate VBT scheduled duty crews

To the Editor:

VBT residents are fortunate to have a dedicated Paid On Call SCHEDULED DUTY CREW of mostly VBT residents. Minimum staffing at both stations is supposed to be two fire fighters per shift per station. Sometimes this does not happen, but we still have staffing on duty to respond to an emergency.

There is only one FT FD position -- the Fire Chief. However, there is a concern as the Chief is currently teaching classes at Schoolcraft College, and is also attending two classes at the College. A huge concern for our residents.

The Scheduled Duty Crew as currently staffed is the best scenario for our residents, also the most cost-effective with an efficient response. And, we have better response times than an on-call call-out department. FF at the ready are much quicker than a FF who has to respond from home, go to the station, put on their equipment and then drive the fire truck out for response.

In the past, and I do not have current knowledge on HVA, but a HVA Unit was stationed in the township, and when answering a call, another unit would move closer to our township. This was also in reverse, as the adjoining township unit responded to a call, our unit would move to the west side on the township to help cover emergency calls. A HVA Unit was housed overnight in our fire station. Again, HVA did not cost VBT residents any tax dollars, as HVA charged the patient's insurance for assistance. An agreement between VBT and HVA allowed the emergency response for our residents and coverage for payment. HVA usually was the first responder to a medical emergency call.

The blended rate is certainly an issue and puts intense pressure on the FD budget, but, do we cut our nose off to spite our face to resolve the problem? Absolutely NOT. We will pay for the blended rate, BUT, if the elected officials do not allow additional Blended Rate FF in the future, this issue will resolve itself as the current Blended Rate FF retire or move on. Just an unnecessary issue from about 2007 or early '08.

Under NO condition should this be a reason for **discontinuing FF coverage in our fire stations**. I was presented with about 7-8 applications for blended rate FF when I first took office, and I emphatically said no. About five days later, about 12 applications were presented (non-blended rate applications) and were sent for evaluation.

This is a scare tactic to try to approve an increase in the PS Millage, and we can expect another attempt at the next election date (May 2016) in order to create a "Segregated Fund to pay the Visteon Bond" and if the Scheduled Duty Crew is eliminated, therefore jeopardizing our residents safety, health and welfare, then every elected official voting to eliminate

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More Letters

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the Scheduled Duty Crew should be voted OUT of office in the next election

If the current board really wanted to be fiscally responsible, the 2016 General Budget is a proposed \$14,368,353. The 2012, 2013 and 2014 average Audited Budgets were \$12,602,261. The board is spending almost \$1.8 million dollars more in 2016 than past averages. Save the \$1.8 million and a millage increase will not be needed. Managerial budget oversight is grossly lacking currently by our elected officials.

Be knowledgeable residents on the use of our tax dollars and hold our elected officials responsible on fiscal policy. DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES ELIMINATE OUR SCHEDULED DUTY CREWS. The health, safety and welfare of our residents is PRIORITY ONE!

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Great things happening in Belleville, community

To the Editor:

Over a recent weekend I attended the big band concert and it was fantastic. To hear the old songs, the singing and the dancing was a shining light in my day. I hope we will have more of the Blue Steel Band in the near future.

Thank you to the Belleville Library for having me read Mr. Mouse's Good Deed. The audience helped tell the story and later drew pictures of Mr. Mouse and his friend Mollie Cat. What a joy to see the young ones participating with such vigor along with their moms.

Great things are happening in Belleville and tri-community. If you haven't taken advantage of the culture, music and foods,

you're missing a big part of your life.

Now go and have a great day and do something nice for someone!

P.S. One little girl wanted to hear more about Mr. Mouse even though the reading was over!

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Meredith L. "Whitey"
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MEREDITH L. 'WHITEY' LEDBETTER

(April 11, 1927 – November 20, 2015)

Age 88, of Brooklyn, Michigan, former longtime Belleville resident.

Meredith is the loving husband of the late Evelyn (d. 2000); dear father of Janice (Tom) Blumhardt and the late Gilbert (d. 2014) (Dianne); cherished grandfather of Kelly (Scott) Thompson, Gilbert Porterfield Jr., Christopher (Staci) Porterfield, Tom (Jill) Blumhardt, Daniel (Jennifer) Blumhardt and David (Tina) Blumhardt.

Mr. Ledbetter is also survived by his nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Born on April 11, 1927 in Tennessee, "Whitey" proudly served his country during World War II in the US Marines. Moving to Belleville in 1958, he was a longtime employee with General Motors. Meredith enjoyed working his farm, watching the Detroit Tigers, Lions and college football and spending time with his family and friends.

A funeral service was held at 1 PM, Tuesday, November 24 at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville. The family received guests from noon until the time of services.

Interment prayers followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

Visiting hours were Monday from 4 until 8 PM at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to Juvenile Diabetes.



Everett "Bud" Markwell

EVERETT 'BUD' MARKWELL

(February 6, 1932 – November 19, 2015)

Everett "Bud" Markwell, age 82, of Belleville MI, passed away, November 19, 2015. He was born February 6, 1932, in Ewing, KY, the son of Nora (Coffey) and Elmer Markwell. Everett was an extremely hard worker who when he retired loved to put together puzzles, watch old Westerns and He-Haw and spend time with family and friends joking around.

Everett was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Juanita Jewell Markwell (infant), Martha Lee Markwell, Mamie Ethel (Markwell) Cornish and brother John Edgar Markwell; sons David Markwell and Steven Markwell; and infant daughter Barbara Markwell.

He is survived by his daughters Mary (Ron) Kidd of Adrian MI, Linda Cole of Adrian MI, Janis (Joe) Wynn of North Carolina and son Chad (Crystal) Markwell of St. Louis, MI, several grandchildren, extended family and friends. He is also survived by his beloved companion Taffy (his dog).

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, November 28, 2015, at Parkside Assembly of God, St. Louis, MI, with Pastor Chad Markwell officiating.

David C. Brown Funeral Home gets national recognition for outreach

David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville has been honored by the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) with the 2015 Pursuit of Excellence Award.

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"David C. Brown Funeral Home's voluntary participation in the Pursuit of Excellence Award program reflects a clear determination to exceed the expectations of those they serve," said NFDA Chief Executive Officer Christine Pepper, CAE. "This prestigious recognition assures families of the high-quality, compassionate service they will receive the moment they walk through the funeral home's front door."

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More Letters

Underfunded Public Safety Dept. is alarming

To the Editor:

At the Nov. 17 Van Buren Township board meeting three members of the audience felt compelled to gloat over the recent results of the 6.5 mill Public Safety Department Millage effort, that was narrowly defeated in the Nov. 3 election, wherein a small percentage of voters participated.

When a very small minority of the township electorate bothers to make their voices heard it is indeed a serious matter and one that speaks volumes to the apathy that abounds in our community. Even more disturbing was the lack of understanding of the issues facing our police and fire department personnel in respect to the operating costs associated with providing services to our residents.

To alleviate the need to deploy blended-rate officers on the duty rosters, and to continue to provide duty crews at both fire stations 24/7, it was urgently expressed that the 6.5 mills was necessary to help meet the budget requirements for this purpose.

The township has operated with a deficit budget for far too many years, using the Landfill Fund to supplement our operation costs in the Public Safety Department. It would take at least 8.5 mills to sufficiently provide for the total current service needs of police, fire and 911 dispatch services if our residents were to be honest. However, when certain people, some of whom aren't even on the property tax rolls, are spewing pure nonsense and making foolish statements that are filled with inaccuracies it's no wonder people are confused.

Supervisor Combs and the Board of Trustees made numerous attempts to fully explain the issues facing voters in the *Independent* newspaper, and I also had several articles posted for the public to challenge. Even with the mailings that were sent out through the Millage Committee efforts no one stepped forward to publicly dispute the findings. So why was it a surprise to these three individuals when the board and the Public Safety Department leadership began deliberations to address the near future plans for erasing the budget shortfall?

Why can't people understand the simple math that dictates a cut in services to balance the current budget? If folks aren't willing to pay for the police and fire departments in this community, as the pathetic voter turnout indicated, what will we do when in several short years the Land Fill Fund will no longer be applicable since the dump will be capped and no more tipping fees will be collected for our general purposes?

It would have been more prudent to address the 40% property tax reductions (following the recession of 2008) with a seven-year Public Safety Millage increase of 2.5 mills over the previous 4 mills in order to allow for possible new housing growth along with the eventual restoration

of resale values in the local market place.

Instead, we are facing a state takeover of the township unless something is negotiated to solve the issue of budget shortfalls and the associated Visteon Bond debt payments. Too many "old school" people act as if they are truly interested in the future growth of Van Buren Township when actually they would more likely project a future that is more in line with the City of Belleville, "going out of business" slowly but surely!

Good luck with the next millage effort. Many of our local business leaders and long-time residents who have served on past Public Safety Millage Committees have had enough of the foolish opposition to the true facts of the situation. I will just as soon move on to another municipality that can easily recognize the difference between a premier community and a failing one. I don't need to hear anymore lame excuses from non property owners and people who don't pay property taxes but have a disturbing lack of understanding of economics.

The consequences of a state-appointed manager are significant, but an underfunded Public Safety Department is even more alarming!

CeJay Marshall

28-year resident and property taxpayer

Birthdays

Nov. 24 – Ronni Sue Griz

Nov. 26 – Steve Griz

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with **Lac LaBelle** at 8 p.m. Then there's
the night parade on Saturday followed
by fireworks. Thanks to the **Belleville
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nearly everything. I love seeing our small
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**Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue
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This happened Monday, Nov. 9. Times of the apprehensions cited on the Belleville Police Department dispatch log are 1:01 and 1:02 p.m. and 2:50 and 2:51 p.m.

Cpl. Faull operates as the School Resource Officer.

Jasmine Wehr performs in UF's fall voice recital

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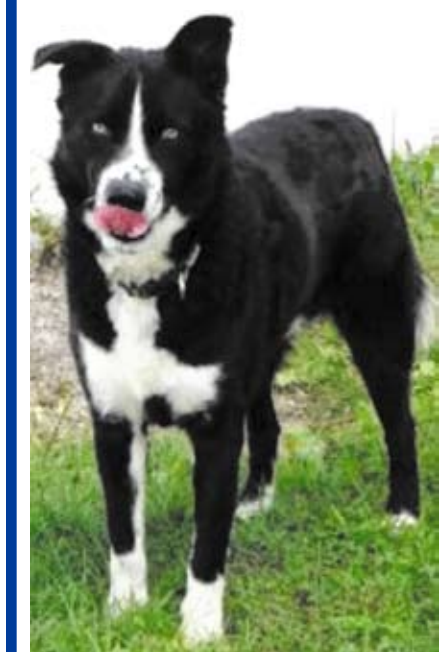


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Belleville DDA

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on BACA's fifth-annual ArtAffair on Main and the Music Lakeside event. The DDA had given grants to BACA for these events. Dalton said last year 3,000-4,000 people attended ArtAffair and this year it was 6,000-8,000 and the artists did better although there were fewer artists -- 27. This year they pushed the event on social media and bought \$3,000 (the entire DDA grant) in radio advertising, and he said, "Obviously, there was a connection." Also, there were more food vendors this year and they had entertainment. Machine Gun Kelly has a local following, he said. Dalton said Music Lakeside is BACA's "biggest win."

He said the two Garden Soiree fund raisers at private homes had liability because of the liquor use and so they came up with a new venue, BYC, which has good liquor liability coverage. There were nine acts this year with more than 3,000 total in the park and 106 boats participating in the lake. The entire DDA contribution of \$2,500 was spent paying for the acts themselves. Since BACA is getting more funds raised by the soirees, the committee will look at getting more expensive groups to perform;

- Heard DDA Treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams suggest BACA do something to help improve the looks of Sam Kassab's buildings at the entrance to the city, like putting something on his walls or windows. Dalton said he will take the idea to BACA; and

- Heard DDA Secretary Jim Higerson say there are street lights out by the bridge. Thompson said they can't be replaced unless concrete work is done.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Friday, Nov. 27, and Saturday, Nov. 28** – Police and fire fighters will be out on the streets of Belleville and Van Buren Township to collect donations for Goodfellows work to help the needy at Christmas time.

- **Saturday, Nov. 28** – Help Sugar Plum Candy Shoppe, 111 South Street, Belleville, celebrate its first anniversary in business from 6 to 8 p.m.

- **Thursday, Dec. 3** – Van Buren Township Parks & Recreation hosts best-selling children's author/artist Jan Brett for a book signing from 5 to 7 p.m. at the township hall. Barnes and Noble Bookstore of Ann Arbor will be selling her recently released book, "The Turnip," along with other of her favorite titles.

- **Friday, Dec. 4** – You're invited to the annual holiday party of the Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club at 6 p.m. at UAW Local 898, 8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti. Tickets are available at the door for \$25 single and \$40 a couple. Includes dinner, beer, wine, and door prize ticket. Supports local charities. Information: (313) 605-9727.

- **Saturday, Dec. 5** – Holiday Arts & Crafts Show with a variety of more than 40 crafters runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Van Buren Township Community Center, 46425 Tyler Road. Also baked goods for sale in the Senior Center.

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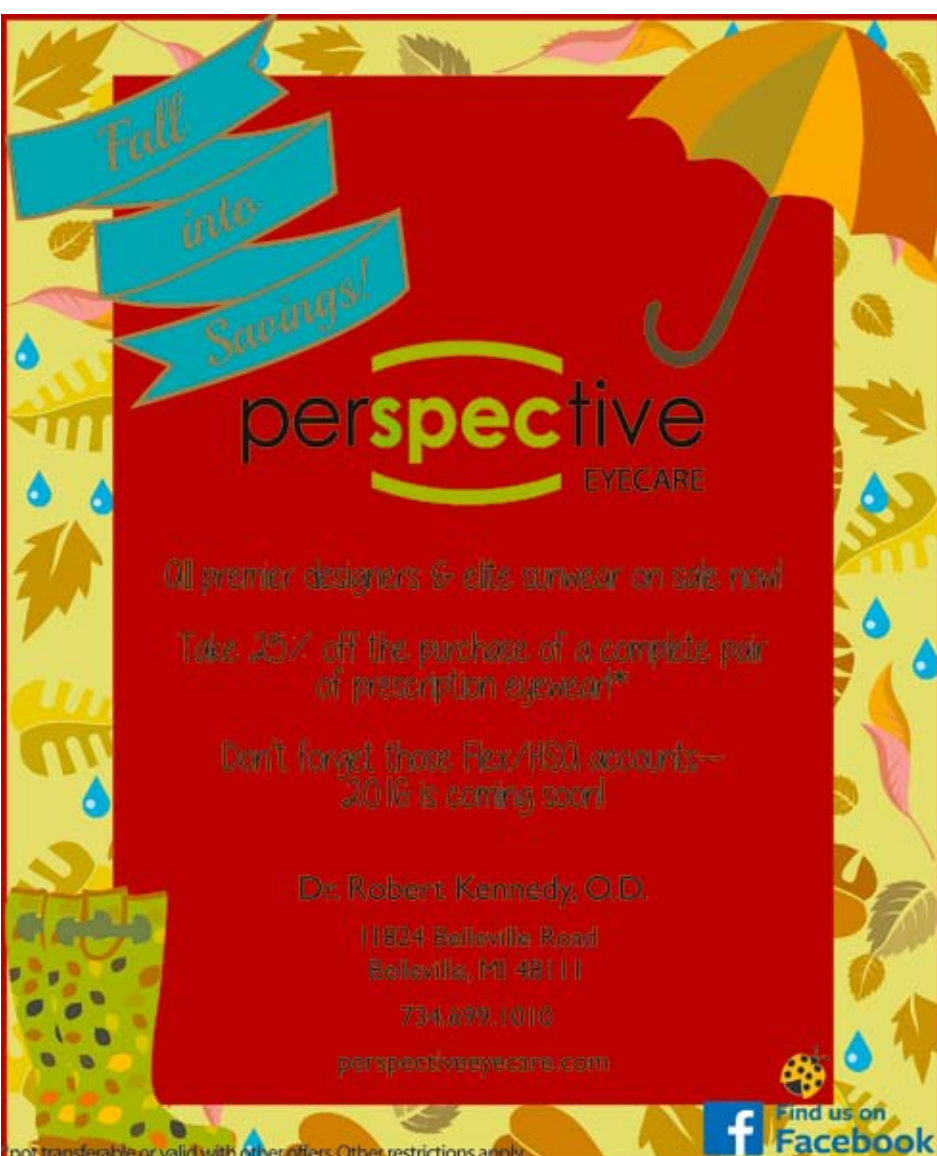
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VBT Board

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Board has decided to implement certain cost reduction measures. One of which will be the elimination of the duty crew..."

John Delaney commented from the audience that voters voted in 2007 for 4 mills for fire department "boots on the ground" 24/7 and a five-beat police patrol system, and the five-beat system never materialized.

"We voted to keep the duty crew," Delaney told the board. "... Now your thoughts are of dropping the duty crew ... we got lied to again."

Don Schoenberger got up and read the whole email from Ethan Vinson and then said, "To me, that's a scare tactic."

"It's an outright bait and switch, an out and out lie," Schoenberger said of the plan to close down the duty crews when people were told they would have duty crews.

He said the fire chief wants a secretary you could call to say there's a fire, but they'll be nobody to go to the fire.

He chastized the board for considering giving themselves a raise in pay. He said the board wanted more pay because the directors' pay is close to theirs. That board raise had been taken out of the budget.

"You say you need money, but everybody gets a raise," he said of the across-the-board 1.5% pay raises for employees in the 2016 budget.

"People should not be getting a raise in salaries. So underpaid? Quit! You are making more than people in the city of Detroit with 700,000 population," Schoenberger said.

"You want more money for public safety and give everybody raises!" he repeated, saying they are using scare tactics.

"You have the unmitigated gall to ask for pay raises," Schoenberger said. "Not one person in this township is not making enough money to live good on."

Treasurer Sharry Budd, who was chairing the Nov. 17 meeting in the absence of Supervisor Linda Combs, invited Schoenberger to come in to the office and talk to board members about the details.

"We never heard that from our Supervisor," Schoenberger said of the invitation. "We talk to the wall."

"Come in and talk," Treasurer Budd

repeated. "It's the supervisor's budget, but we can talk about it."

She said they can have Public Safety Director Greg Laurain, and Deputy Director-Police Jason Wright and even representatives of the fire department come in and talk to him about the issue.

Schoenberger said he loves Treasurer Budd and he thinks Director Laurain is the best person for the job he's in, but he gets frustrated.

"Please call," Budd said.

The statements by Delaney and Schoenberger were the only comments under the nine-minute public hearing for the amended 2015 budgets and proposed 2016 budgets.

When the meeting got to Public Comment, Schoenberger wanted to talk about the \$650,000 settlement in the VBT civil rights law suit.

"I don't understand how the director is telling police officers to evacuate a building without a court order," he said.

He said anyone in a public post doing that should be fired. He said then they go back and harass this guy, referring to the owner of the motel.

Schoenberger said in a corporate world those responsible would be fired because the suit lost hundreds and hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"Who gives that director of development the right to do that?" he asked.

"We did get it stopped," Budd said. "We have policies in place so that will not happen again."

Trustee Phil Hart said the board asked how can this series of events happen? He said it is a lesson learned so this will never, ever happened again.

Clerk Leon Wright said the township is not

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VBT Board

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out \$100,000 for the insurance deductible. He said the township's insurance carrier, MMRMA, has a Stop-Loss program and the township pays \$75,000 for deductibles for the year.

"This is the first time I've heard you're as outraged as I am," Schoenberger said.

Delaney said an administrative assistant to the supervisor sent out a letter.

"We've had 16 law suits since 2010," Delaney said, adding the township can lose its MMRMA rider.

"We lose a lot of money here," Delaney said. "Lawyers love to sue out here and we always settle."

Clerk Wright, who sits on the MMRMA board, said VBT is an individual member of MMRMA and, "Our lookback period is good." He said MMRMA has no plan to drop coverage and that VBT's settlements

have not been excessive.

"We always settle it," Budd said of a law suit. She said the MMRMA finance person has a handle on what they will pay.

Clerk Wright said the insurance premium last year was \$513,000 and this year it is \$486,000 with a \$257,000 reimbursement from MMRMA.

Wright said a MMRMA professional discusses what each case is worth. He said in the motel case the plaintiffs started with wanting \$1.2 million. The MMRMA didn't want to go to trial and approved the \$650,000 settlement.

He said if the township wants to go to trial, the MMRMA says you go to trial at your own risk.

"We were all appalled," Wright said of what happened to the motel residents. "We were disgusted that that happened."

In other business at the two hour and 12 minute meeting on Nov. 17, the board:

- Approved the job description for a part-time administrative assistant for the fire department at a pay of \$15 per hour, 24 hours per week. Trustee Jeff Jahr clarified that the board is only approving the job description and not filling it or approving spending the money;

- Postponed to the next regular meeting approval of the 2016 water and sewer rates and fee schedule for the water department after Delaney said the public wasn't made aware before this meeting of the proposed 3% water and sewer rate hike. Budd said the resolution could be postponed until the next meeting and anyone with questions

could call DPW Director James Taylor. No other fee increases in the water and sewer department are proposed;

- Approved the second (final) reading of an ordinance to rezone a single family residential parcel to C-2, Extensive Highway Business) with conditions and another parcel from C-2 to C-2 with conditions to make way for construction of a new motel at the corner of North I-94 Service Drive and Quirk Road;

- Approved the commercial fireworks display by Great Lakes Fireworks as part of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce's Winter Fest activities after the parade on Saturday, Dec. 5;

- Approved the amended and restated VBT Governmental Non-ERISA Retirement Plan as required at regular intervals by the Internal Revenue Service. This does not result in substantive changes to the plan's operation and will have no new fees, according to the clerk's office;

- Approved the supervisor's reappointments of Edward Miller and Joseph Barnabei as full members of the Board of Zoning Appeals with both terms to expire Dec. 1, 2018;

- Approved the 2016 board of trustees meeting schedule and the township's 2016 holiday schedule, which lists 13 days off;

- Approved department fee schedules with an effective date of Jan. 1, which reflects a 1.5% wage increase over current contracts, a \$5 increase in four classes, and \$5 increase in all room rental rates. Notary service is free to residents and \$5 to nonresidents;

- Confirmed the Local Development Finance Authority appointment of Jelani Karamoko with a term to expire at Wayne County's discretion. Karamoko replaces a previous appointment as Wayne County representative because that person no longer works for the county;

- Heard Clerk Wright explain the situation with the Public Safety millage. He gave the history of the 4 mills approved for 2008 and how the township valuation dropped in 2012 and so less was coming in. In 2015 there were actual Public Safety Expenditures of \$7,022,209 and the millage only brought in \$3,486,639, so there was a shortfall of \$4,435,570. "We asked for additional funds and 3,500 turned out to vote and turned it down and we have to look at what we are going to do." He said "to secure our current level of services we might have to take a step back to move forward." He said three gentlemen in the audience (Public Safety officers) and board members have been "banging our heads

together" to move forward;

- Heard Delaney said the public safety advisory committee was misguided in putting 6.5 mills before voters, noting a poll would show, "We don't trust this board." He said he heard Supervisor Combs' lie in the LDFA meeting and the LDFA only heard one side. He referred to her saying the millage would give the board 2.5 mills to set aside for the Visteon Bond payments. She later denied she said that. "The township board did not have a grip on what was going on," Delaney said of the reason he and others voted against the millage. He said to have 3,000 voters out of 22,000 registered voters is awful. "The public doesn't believe the supervisor. We want to hear from the six of you more" referring to the rest of the board;

- Heard Allen Babosh say a citizens' committee could hold hearings to come up with a proposal to present to the board. "If the public has input, there's a better chance of passing a millage," he said. Budd replied that the township can't be involved in forming such a committee;

- Heard Cejay Marshall say he was a member of the most recent committee of 25-30 people. He said he has written letters to board members every week since they've been in office. "Anyone who doesn't understand the seriousness of it is naive. "We have a deficit budget using money from the landfill. When it's full, taxes will go up," he said, adding 6.5 mills for 7 years is a good step and just approving 4 mills will put the township further behind. "We cannot continue to operate like this. Maybe we should have a public hearing to get out the information," Marshall said. Trustee Hart agreed that public safety has never been properly funded. He said "for some reason it was turned down." He said public safety has almost an \$8 million budget with only \$4 million coming in. "The board will work hard to put something together ..." Hart said; and

- Held a moment of silence in memory of Doreen Craven, who had served as township clerk and was one of the first fire commissioners. Her husband Geroge became township supervisor. Mrs. Craven retired from the Belleville Building and Planning Department.

Belleville Library sets Holiday Storytimes

Holiday Library Storytimes for the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth Street, have been scheduled.

- Family Storytimes will start at 6:30 p.m. Mondays from Nov. 16 to Dec. 14. Family Storytime is for youngsters in preschool-elementary, ages 4-10. Register at the library circulation desk.

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Rose Moving & Storage was also recognized as Corporate Agent of the Year and Top Corporate Salesperson (Brad Koch).

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City of Belleville Public Notice



2015 Holiday Decorating Contest



Light Up the Town for Christmas in Belleville 2015

Got the spirit? You don't need to sign up - just decorate the outside of your house with lights and seasonal decorations.

Then have your lights on from 6 PM to 10 PM on Wednesday and Thursday, December 9th and 10th. The contest judges will observe all areas of the City. An award will be presented for the best display in each of five areas:

- Victoria Commons
- Harbour Pointe
- The two mobile home parks
- The balance of the City
- Businesses

The winner in each area will be notified on Friday, Dec. 11th, and presentations will be made at the City Council meeting on Monday, Dec. 21st.

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Court Watching:

Ralph Rosas sentenced to 18.75 to 50 years in prison in Sumpter crime

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Ralph Rosas, 28, of Saginaw has been sentenced to from 18.75 to 50 years in prison for his part in the bloody melee at the Sumpter Rollers Skate Park on Halloween 2014.

A Wayne County Circuit Court jury found Rosas guilty of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and armed robbery.

On Oct. 30, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Craig S. Strong sentenced him from 80 to 120 months in prison for the assault and 225 to 600 months for the armed robbery. He was given 127 days credit for time served.

Rosas initially was held on \$500,000 or 10% bond, but when he got to Judge Strong's courtroom,

his bond was upped to \$750,000.

The jury, following the four-day trial, also found Rosas not guilty of assault with intent to murder and a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon was dismissed.

Rosas is now in the Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center in Jackson until he is assigned to the prison where he will serve his term.

His earliest release date is March 24, 2034 with a maximum discharge date of June 24, 2065.

Rosas took part in several separate incidents that night, including a stabbing, felonious assault, and the armed robbery of three separate security guards who were working the party.

The stabbing victim, one of the three security guards involved, was transported to the hospital with life-threatening injuries, but survived and has since recovered.

Rosas was charged the same as two other individuals who are alleged to have taken part in the incidents with him. The other two co-defendants remain at large and are actively being sought.

They are Robert Kristopher Stilson, 25, and

Santino Dominick Deleon, 23, who also is considered a habitual offender.

Sumpter police were assisted in Rosas' apprehension by a Saginaw Bay area law enforcement task force.

Rosas had served 6 years and 8 months in prison on a plea deal on drug charges and a felony firearm charge originating in Saginaw County. He was discharged from prison on June 1, 2013.

The lengthy and exhaustive investigation in the

Halloween incident was headed by Sumpter Police Detective/Corporal John Toth, with assistance from Corporal John Ashby and Officer George Salajan. The case was then presented to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office who approved the charges.

After the violent episode on Halloween, when the roller rink allegedly had been leased to a fraternity from Eastern Michigan University for a party, rink owners came under pressure from the township to tighten up their leasing procedures.

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Paid on Call Firefighters

The Township of Sumpter is currently seeking Paid on Call Firefighters.

Requirements:

- Must be 18 years of age
- High School Diploma (or GED equivalent)
- Must have valid Michigan Driver's License
- Ability to meet prescribed physical/medical standards
- Must live in Sumpter Township or within a mile of its boundary

Contact Information:

For more information, or to file an application, contact Township of Sumpter, Clerks office, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 @ 734-461-6201

Clarence Hoffman Jr., Township Clerk

Publish: 11-12-15; 11-19-15; 11-26-15

Sumpter Township Public Notice

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REZONING

The Sumpter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Rd, Belleville, MI 48111 at 7:05 pm, Thursday December 10, 2015, regarding the request for a Rezoning of land parcel summarized below:

NATURE OF SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE REQUEST

THE PROPOSED Rezoning is to change the current zoning from Local Commercial to Two-Family & Multiple Family Residential.

Site Location

The site upon which a Rezoning is being requested is located at 21620 Sumpter Road 81-061-99-000-1000, 0.71 acres.

This Public Hearing has been scheduled in accordance with the requirements of Public Act 637 of 1978 (amendments to the Township Rural Zoning Act. P.A. 184, 1943) to provide all interested citizens an opportunity to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss in detail all aspects of the proposed use.

For those unable to attend the Public Hearing, written comments may be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.
Clerk
Sumpter Township

Publish: November 26, 2015

City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes November 2, 2015

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Smith, Second by Fielder to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of October 19, 2015 with one correction. The spelling of deceased Sumpter Trustee Hamm's last name.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Jingle Bell Run.

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 15-135, to approve the request to have the annual Jingle Bell Run on December 5, 2015 from 9:00 AM – 11:30 PM.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Lions Club – Solicitation.

Bill Van Winkle representing the Canton Lions Club was in attendance to ask for permission to solicit for funds on Main Street on November 6th and 13th from 11:00AM to 5:00 PM.

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 15-136, Lion's Club request to solicit funds.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. St. Anthony's Request to Conduct a Carnival.

St. Anthony's requested having a carnival on their property on June 17 – June 19. Statement was made that St. Anthony's has requested a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the carnival contract for 2016 but have not had a response. Discussion was held about this request being the same dates as the annual Strawberry Festival.

Mayor Conley stated that the Strawberry Festival has always requested permission in advance and that City Council does not wish to get in the middle of the issues between the various groups.

City Council requests that the parties involved get together and resolve the issues before coming back to Council.

Request dies for lack of a motion.

D. Stalmack Family – Request to Plant Tree in Horizon Park.

William and Sharon Dubisky appeared and requested permission to plant a tree in Horizon Park in memory of Ronald Stalmack. Gardner's Choice would be planting a honey locust tree and a plaque would be placed at the base of the tree. DPS DIRECTOR Tackett stated that a location has been selected.

Council Member Fielder stated that he thought it was a great idea. Council Member Tindall voiced some concern about the City's responsibility and maintenance of the tree.

City Council requested City Administration to develop a policy with guidelines for future use.

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 15-137, request to plant a tree in

memory of Ronald Stalmack in Horizon Park pursuant to the above stated provisions.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. Chamber of Commerce – Winterfest Activities/Parade.

The parade will be a night parade again this year on December 5th. Singers will be staged at Fourth and Main during the afternoon. Main Street closures would include Main Street from Third Street to Roys from 2:00PM – 8:30PM. W. Columbia and Main Street closures will be at the discretion of the Police Department for the parade.

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 15-138, Winterfest activities and parade as stated above.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. Chamber of Commerce – Winterfest Fireworks.

Request to host a fireworks display on December 5th from 8:00PM – 10:00PM.

Chamber of Commerce provided insurance certification. Fireworks company will provide additional paperwork needed before the event.

Motion by Smith, Second by Tindall to approve Resolution No. 15-139, annual fireworks display to be held during Winterfest.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

G. Chamber of Commerce – Winterfest – Use of Fourth Street.

Chamber request use of Fourth Street for the stage that will be used by the singers during the afternoon activities on December 5th. Live music will be held at that location throughout the afternoon prior to the parade.

Motion by Fielder, Second by Tindall to approve Resolution No. 15-140, closing Fourth Street between Main and the alley. Times to be coordinated with City Administration.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

H. Fourth Street Square Usage – BYC Skating Rick.

Request to host the annual skating rink at Fourth Street Square during Winterfest.. Dates would be December 4th through December 6th.

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 15-141, use of Fourth Street Square for the skating rink.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I. Police Vehicle Evaluation.

Chief Berriman submitted a report to Council detailing costs of needed repairs for Police vehicles. Additional information regarding how much has been spent on the vehicles previously will be brought back to Council at a later date.

J. City Street Evaluation – 3 and 5 Year Programs.

A plan for complete street repairs was submitted by Hennessey Engineers. Much more discussion will be held. A location for residents to attend a meeting and ask questions will be scheduled for a later date.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 15-142, to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Smith, Second by Fielder to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana J. Kollmeyer, City Manager
Approved: November 16, 2015
Published: November 26, 2015

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 17, 2015

Treasurer Budd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Absent/Excused: Supervisor Combs. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Planning and Economic Development Director Akers, Public Safety Deputy Director (Police) Wright, Public Safety Director Laurain, Public Safety Deputy Director (Fire) Besson, Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, Department of Public Services Director Taylor, DDA Director Ireland, DDA Assistant Director Lothringer and an audience of nine (9).

Wright moved, Miller seconded to appoint Treasurer Budd as Chairperson for the meeting. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA McClanahan moved, Wright seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Hart moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Special Work Study Session Minutes of October 15, 2015; Closed Session Minutes of October 15, 2015; Special Board Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2015; Work Study Session Minutes of October 19, 2015; Closed Session Minutes of October 19, 2015; Board Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2015; Special Board Meetings-Budget Preparation Minutes of October 22 and 23, 2015; Prepaid List of October 22, 2015; Prepaid List of October 30, 2015; Prepaid List of November 6, 2015; Prepaid List of November 12, 2015; Voucher List of November 3, 2015; the commercial Fireworks Display Permit Application by Great Lakes Fireworks LLC.; Resolution 2015-39 the amended and restated Van Buren Charter Township Governmental Non-ERISA Retirement Plan; Re-appointments of Edward Miller and Joseph Barnabei as full members of the Board of Zoning Appeals, both terms expiring December 1, 2018; the 2016 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule; the 2016 Holiday Schedule; Resolution 2015-38 the 2016 Departmental Fee Schedules with an effective date of January 1, 2016; confirmation of the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) appointment of Mr. Jelani Karamoko (Wayne County Representative) with a term to expire at [Wayne County's discretion] Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Wright moved, Hart seconded to open the public hearing to receive public comment on Resolution 2015-41 the 2015 amended and 2016 proposed General Fund Budget, the 2015 amended and 2016 proposed Special Revenue Funds and Salaried Employee Wage Schedule at 7:05 p.m. Resident John Delaney questioned if duty crews at the fire stations would be eliminated indicating the passage of the 4 mil Public Safety millage in 2007 was for fire stations manned 24/7, boots on the ground and a 5 beat system that never materialized. Audience member Donald Schoenberger commented in opposition to elimination of a duty crews and raises for salary employees. Hart moved, Miller seconded to close the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Audience members commented on the need to fill the final vacancy on the Local Development Finance Authority Board, requested additional time to review the

2016 proposed water fee schedule, the settlement of a lawsuit involving water shut off and the Township's overall liability exposure. Clerk Wright commented that best practice initiatives are being put in place to eliminate lawsuits and accidents, the Township's insurance carrier MMRMA has a Stop-Loss program with a total deductible of \$75,000 for the year included in the Township's annual rate and the insurance premium this year was \$486,000 of which \$257,000 has been reimbursed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Wright moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the second (final) reading for adoption of Ordinance 10-6-15 to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance by rezoning parcel V-125-83-064-99-0002-002 from R1B (Single Family Residential) to C-2 (Extensive Highway Business) with conditions and parcel V-125-83-064-99-0002-003 from C-2 (Extensive Highway Business) to C-2 (Extensive Highway Business) with conditions. Roll Call vote. Yeas: Budd, Wright, Hart, Jahr, Miller, McClanahan. Absent/excused: Combs. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wright moved, Hart seconded to approve the part-time Public Safety (Fire) Administrative Assistant job description. Motion Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to postpone New Business item #2 to consider approval of Resolution 2015-40 the 2016 Water and Sewer Rates and Fee Schedule until the next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Wright announced the Township administrative office will be closed on Thursday November 26, 2015 and Friday November 27, 2015 in observance of Thanksgiving, thanked all Veterans for their service and sacrifice, thanked the precinct workers who worked the polls during the November 3, 2015 Special Election, thanked Bob and Marie Krouse for placing flags at the gravesite of all Veterans in Township cemeteries, thanked City of Wayne Clerk Matthew Miller for the donation of 17 voting booths valued at over \$1700.00, thanked the Civic Fund for the donation of a shed for cemetery maintenance and wished everyone in the community a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday. Trustee Jahr thanked Developmental Service Director Aker and Deputy Director Best for their quick response to the recent blue-green algae bloom in the lake. Treasurer Budd requested a moment of silence in remembrance of former Township Clerk and community advocate Doreen Craven and for the people of France lost in the recent attack. Board members thanked the Public Safety Millage committee for their efforts and support of the millage proposal.

NON AGENDA: Residents commented on: the failed Public Safety millage, requested the budget process start early, requested the board to consider reinstating the Public Safety Committee to provide public input on millage funding and provide open communication to the public on Township financial matters. Treasurer Budd clarified that a millage committee must be independent from the Township.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

Publish: November 26, 2015

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Nov. 30 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 1 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 7 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS

Commons. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, Dec. 8 – Van Buren Township Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

NOTICE OF ADOPTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE 10-06-15

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ZONING ORDINANCE 06-02-92, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

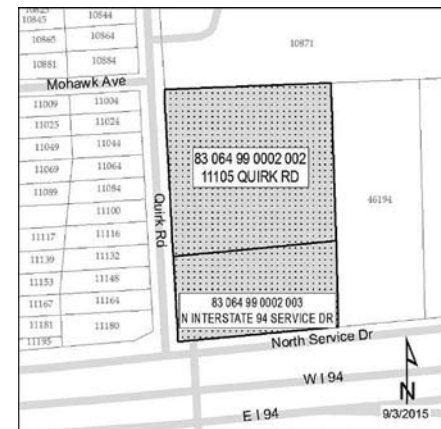
The Charter Township of Van Buren Ordains:

SECTION 1. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

The Zoning Map in connection with the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance shall be amended as follows:

Ordinance No. 10-06-15

A request to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 06-02-92, as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcel V125-83-064-99-0002-002 from R1-B (Single Family Residential) to C-2 (Extensive Highway Business) with conditions and parcel V125-83-064-99-0002-003 from C-2 (Extensive Highway Business) to C-2 (Extensive Highway Business) with conditions.



These properties are located at the northeast corner of Quirk Road and the North I-94 Service Drive.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY

In the event any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or word of this ordinance is deemed invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion deemed severable and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. REPEALER.

Any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect seven (7) days after publication of the notice of adoption in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township. This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within fifteen (15) days of passage. A copy of this Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 during normal business hours.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the 17 day of November, 2015.

YEAS:	Budd, Wright, Hart, Jahr, McClanahan, Miller
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Combs
ABSTAINED:	None

Adopted:	November 17, 2015
Published:	November 26, 2015
Effective:	December 4, 2015

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 627 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Nov. 15:
0114 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
0223 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
0458 – disturbance, Denton Rd.
0618 – noise complaint, Westlake
0829 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Beck
1121 – property damage accident, Ecorse/bypass
1129 – code enforcement, Bak Rd./Hull Rd.
1200 – harassment call, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1250 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1256 – assault & battery, Gilmore St.
1343 – assault & battery, Rose Blvd.
1725 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
1725 – disturbance, Rawsonville Rd.
1750 – property damage accident, Hannan/Tyler
1825 – mental, Jackson St.
1854 – property damage accident, Savage Rd.
1858 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.
Monday, Nov. 16:
0353 – assault & battery, E. Archwood Dr.
0539 – malicious destruction of property, Tavistock Dr.
0904 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1106 – agency assist, Bemis Rd.
1131 – agency assist, Carmell
1244 – larceny, Sugarbush Ln.
1448 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
1554 – larceny, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1556 – larceny, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1647 – larceny, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1709 – property damage accident, Belleville/Quirk
1730 – warrant arrest, Flint City Lock Up
1734 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
1805 – private property accident, Ecorse Rdd.
1857 – agency assist, EB I-94/W. of Belleville
1906 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr
1953 – motorist assist, EB I-94/Water’s Edge
2112 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
2231 – noise complaint, Ash Dr.
Tuesday, Nov. 17:
0709 – larceny, Marlowe Ave.
0850 – felony assault, Parkwood Dr.
1013 – larceny, Dellor St.
1146 – larceny from auto, Estates
1623 – larceny, Lake Crest Dr.
1640 – sexual assault, Brandi
1728 – warrant arrest, Michigan/Carpenter
1755 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1822 – property damage accident, Belleville / Armstrong’s
2004 – assault & battery, Vernon St.
2042 – agency assist, Rawsonville Rd.
2049 – family trouble, Alden Ave.
2136 – family trouble, Jackson St.
2240 – noise complaint, Locust/Maple
Wednesday, Nov. 18:
0241 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
0331 – vehicle repossession, Park Estates
0801 – malicious destruction of property, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0831 – abandoned auto, Country Walk Blvd. / Camden Rd.
0839 – agency assist, Parkwood Dr.
1225 – neighbor trouble, Parkwood Dr.
1227 – fraud, Lighthouse Dr.
1311 – fraud, Westlake
1336 – vehicle repossession, Elwell Rd.
1338 – vehicle repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1416 – missing person, Quirk Rd
1635 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty Rd.
1727 – mental, Jackson St.
1749 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1838 – narcotics crime, Sylvia Dr. / Rawsonville
1933 – missing person, Belleville Rd.
2004 – mental, Jackson St.
2031 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
2034 – civil matter, Bentley Dr.
2315 – narcotics crime, S. I-94 Service Dr.
Thursday, Nov. 19:
0054 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville/I-94
0341 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

0835 – property damage accident, Haggerty
1022 – code enforcement, Hull Rd.
1153 – civil matter, Heatherfield Blvd.
1203 – malicious destruction of property, Water Works
1220 – intimidation threat, Edgedale Dr.
1311 – warrant arrest, Haggerty/Huron River Dr.
1347 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1355 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1508 – personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service Dr.
/Independence
1936 – narcotics crime, Pine Dr.
1951 – noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
2004 – disturbance, Belleville Rd.
2007 – abandoned auto, W. Huron River Dr.
2036 – narcotics crime, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2109 – vehicle repossession, Westlake
2146 – assault & battery, Lake Villa Dr.
2214 – disorderly conduct, McBride Ave.
2303 – breaking & entering, Berkdale Dr.
Friday, Nov. 20:
0055 – vehicle repossession, Haggerty Rd.
0154 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
0829 – fraud, Ecorse Rd.
0847 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1113 – larceny, Rawsonville Rd.
1218 – agency assist, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1243 – suspicious situation, Estrada
1514 – private property incident, Belleville Rd.
1525 – indecent exposure, Belleville Rd.
1631 – warrant arrest, Haggerty/Michigan
1712 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty
1714 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1833 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.
1835 – traffic complaint, Rawsonville Rd./Martz
1858 – property damage, Rayna Ct.
2015 – assault & battery, Cambridge Ct.
2022 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd
2045 – assault & battery, Rawsonville
2230 – fight, KFC
Saturday, Nov. 21:
0724 – malicious destruction of property, E. Walden Dr.
0725 – property damage accident, Chatsworth Dr.
0742 – assault & battery, Borgman Ave.
0927 – agency assist, Holly Ln.
0930 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr
1223 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1439 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1504 – mental, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1647 – personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Jackson St.
1708 – property damage accident, Tyler/Belleville
1708 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1812 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service
1846 – noise complaint, Richmond Dr.
1854 – disturbance, Rose
1905 – wires down, E. Huron River Dr.
1914 – property damage accident, Denny’s
1935 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Alden
2001 – agency assist, Rawsonville Rd.
2017 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
2143 – agency assist, W. Huron River Dr.
2155 – assault & battery, Brandi
2334 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
Also on this week’s log are 197 traffic stops, with 29 of those on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 15:
0130 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.
0912 – intrusion alarm, Carmell St.
1133 – suspicious person, Oxford Ct.
1322 – suicide or attempt, Main St.
1343 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
1349 – agency assist, Rose
2125 – property damage accident, N. Liberty St.
2206 – E-911 hang up/investigation, W. Columbia
Monday, Nov. 16:
1118 – welfare check, Carmell St.
1124 – E-911 hang up/investigation, E. Columbia

1139 – private property incident, South St.
1207 – parking complaint, Light Tower Ct.
1208 – juvenile complaint, Light Tower Ct.
1351 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
1733 – larceny, S. Edgemont Ave.
1837 – warrant arrest, Flint City PD
1920 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter Rd., cancelled
Tuesday, Nov. 17:
0752 – juvenile ocmplaint, Henry St.
1121 – E-911 hang up/investigation, W. Thornhill Ct.
1423 – civil matter, E. Huron River Dr.
1442 – intimidation threat, E. Huron River Dr.
1647 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
1844 – intimidation threat, Wexford Ave.
Wednesday, Nov. 18:
0343 – suspicious situation, W. Columbia Ave.
0912 – intrusion alarm, Owen
1132 – liquor violation, Horizon Park
1235 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1240 – suspicious situation, E. Waterbury Ct.
1658 – child abuse, Church St.
1836 – property damage accident, High St. / W. Columbia Ave.
0827 – suspicious situation, Santa Clara St.
2040 – assist citizen, Brain St.
2104 – disorderly conduct, Clarence St.
2230 – intrusion alarm, Savage Rd.
Thursday, Nov. 19:
0105 – E-911 cellular, Belle Villa Blvd.
0114 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Belle Villa Blvd.
0248 – suspicious vehiclee, Hull Rd.
0624 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0715 – intusio alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.
1051 – background investigation, W. Columbia Ave.
1204 – malicious destruction of property, Water Works
1207 – civil matter, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1417 – warrant arrest, E. Huron River Dr.
2040 – private property accident, Main St.
2040 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
2236 – assist fire dept., Clarence St.
Friday, Nov. 20:
0313 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1029 – fraud, Victorian Ln.
1049 – domestic assault, Loza Ln.
1147 – follow up, Dewitt
1340 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.
1539 – background investigation, Main St.
1956 – suspicious vehicle, Harbour Pointe Dr. / W. Huron River Dr.
2202 – intimidation threat, N. Aberdeen Ct.
Saturday, Nov. 21:
1104 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
1657 – motorist assist, Main St./Denton Rd.
1815 – property damage accident, Main St.
1833 – vehicle lockout, Biggs Ave.
2029 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
2051 – vehicle lockout, Marathon
2136 – miscellaneous complaint, W. Huron River Dr. / Harbour Pointe
Also on this week’s log are 62 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 15:
1303 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1417 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Clemmons
1519 – fire dept. assist, 9400 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2010 – assist other agency, out of town
2137 – suspicious incident, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2207 – family trouble, Wyoming
Monday, Nov. 16:
0223 – warrant arrest pick up, Bemis/Rawsonville
1026 – threat complaint, 9200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1211 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1517 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1620 – fight, Rustic Ln.
1708 – reckless driver complaint, Rawsonville/Willis
1712 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1734 – fire dept. assist, Willow/Karr
2026 – fire dept. assist, Timberlane
Tuesday, Nov. 17:
0306 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
0331 – well-being check, Nevada
0632 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.

0815 – suspicious incident, Nevada
0856 – animal complaint, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
0941 – well-being check, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1207 – fire dept. assist, 2100 bl. Elwell Rd.
1338 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1359 – fire dept. assist, 47i000 bl. Willow Rd.
1513 – alarm, 22000 bl. Fensterr
1718 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rdd.
1731 – citizen assist, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1741 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Wear
1757 – property damage accident, Judd/Carleton West Rd.
1825 – parking complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Wednesday, Nov. 18:
0451 – alarm, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
0945 – abandoned vehicle, 18100 bl. Rawsonville
1112 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1358 – down wires, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1446 – well-being check, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1531 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz / Sumpter
1624 – civil dispute, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2035 – suspicious vehicle, 23000 bl. Martinsville
2042 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
2118 – recovered stolen vehicle, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
Thursday, Nov. 19:
0928 – breaking & entering report, Carriage Ln.
1013 – neighbor dispute, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1313 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1335 – suspicious incident, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1433 – civil dispute, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1531 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1615 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1632 – traffic hazard, Elwell/Bemis
1839 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
2144 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
Friday, Nov. 20:
0632 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1107 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
1306 – fraud complaint, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1524 – alarm, 43000 bl. Clay Rd.
1528 – civil dispute, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1542 – mental health commitment, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1649 – alarm, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1652 – assist other agency, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1906 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2046 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2151 – assist other agency, out of township
Saturday, Nov. 21:
0039 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
0857 – assault, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1224 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1554 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Judd
1730 – hunting complaint, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
1915 – property damage accident, Otter/Willow
2047 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris
2111 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis
Also on this week’s log are 10 follow-up investigations, 47 miscellaneous details, 131 patrol checks, and 72 traffic stops.

VBT woman dies in 3-car crash on I-94 North Service Dr. on Nov. 19

Jasmine Scherie Copeland, 28, of Van Buren Township died in a three-car collision at about 3:09 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, on the I-94 North Service Drive between Van Buren and Independence drives.
VBT Police Lt. Charles Bazzy said a second driver was seriously injured and the third driver was uninjured.
Lt. Bazzy said the North Service Drive was closed to traffic from the time of the crash until almost 7 p.m. He said police had to wait for the medical examiner to show up which took 2 ½ to 3 hours.
A school bus was in the area at the time of the crash and police were investigating it as a probable factor in the accident. Lt. Bazzy said police didn’t know if the bus lights had been turned on at the time of the crash.



Winter Fest 2015



Friday, December 4—Sunday, December 6



Events Schedule



Friday Night

(Museum Area)
6pm-Animal Magic
7-8pm-Lac La Belle

Ice Rink

(4th Street Square)
Fri: 12-4pm, Sat: 9a-9pm, Sun: 9a-2pm

Jingle Bell Run

(Horizon Park)
Saturday—9:45am

Craft Show

(VBT Gym)
Saturday—9am-3pm

Ice Sculptures (Main Street)

Begin Saturday

Glow Works

Downtown

Bates Hot Dog Stand (Museum Area)

Saturday 2pm

Soup Crawl

(4th Street Tent)
Saturday 2-6pm

Live Ice Carver

(Chamber Area)
Saturday 2-3pm

Kids Fun Zone—Saturday, 2-6pm

(Chamber Area)
Bounce House, Crafts & more!

Carriage Rides

(Downtown)
Saturday 3-5:30 pm

Caroling

(Museum Area)
Saturday 3-5:45 pm

Gingerbread Cookie Decorating

(Library)
Saturday 4:30 pm until gone

Light Parade

(Downtown)
Saturday 6pm

Fireworks

(Bridge)
Saturday: 8pm

Following Parade:

Museum-Christmas Tree Lighting
First United Methodist Church—Living Nativity
First United Methodist Church—Santa

Angel of Hope Ceremony (Hillside Cemetery) Sunday: 7pm



Christening dress that started in Belleville bonds three generations

A Christening dress was given to Robert and Mildred Baker of Belleville by Mildred's parents, Lambert and Elizabeth Mida, upon the birth of their first child, Robert Jr., for his Christening.

It was then worn by their next two children, James and Joan. When the grandchildren started coming along, it was worn by all eight grandchildren for their baptisms: Natasha, Marcus, Robert III, Tara, Christopher, Stephanie, Elizabeth, and Glenn.

Then, the great-grandchildren, Alison, Nicklas, Tyler, Joshua, Jack, Caroline, Emma, Nina, Eve, and pictured here is Edward Robert held by his parents, Stephanie and Scott Jacobson.

The godparents are Alison and Nicklas Brunstetter.

That makes 21 babies that have been baptized in this 70-year-old dress. Mildred Baker has had all of the names embroidered on the slip along with their dates of birth. The boys names are in blue and the girls names are in pink. The shawl that is used at baptism was knitted by Mildred.

"Each time the dress is brought out of storage, it brings back many happy memories," Mildred said.



Stephanie Jacobson, granddaughter of Mildred Baker of Belleville, and Stephanie's husband Scott Jacobson, all of California, pose for a picture with their new baby boy born Aug. 6. Edward Robert Jacobson is the 21st baby baptized in the family's heirloom gown.

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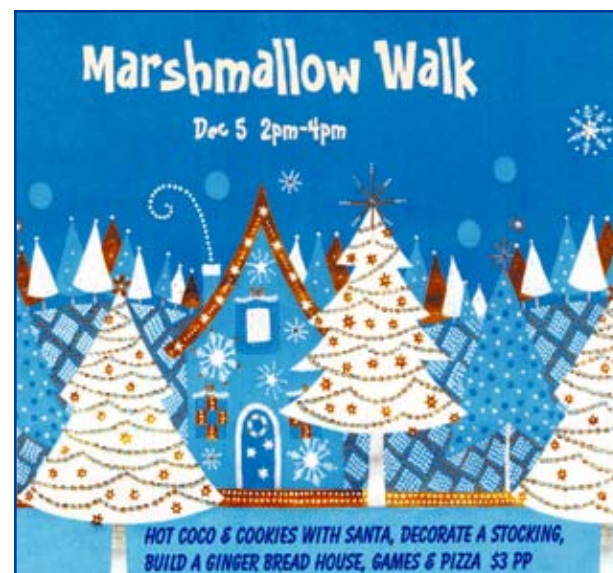
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